

CAN NOT ESCAPE

No Chance for Murderer Who Uses Poison.

Science Has Made That Form of Killing a Lost Art, Unlike the Days of Old.

Ever since medieval times a silent but none the less determined war has been going on between the subtle art of poisoning and the more subtle art of discovering and locating poisons in the human body.

In the old days fortunes awaited those who could prepare some concoction that would remove poisons from this world without leaving traces of how it was done. Poisoning, as understood by a Catherine de Medici, was a grand art. Today it is a lost art, for science has practically won the long fight and is now able to discover and classify every known poison even months after the victim has succumbed to its effects.

Within the last generation almost every kind of poison has come within the scope of the ever-increasing experience of medico-legal experts who have been called to give evidence in important cases—from the hypodermic of the Crippen case to the arsenical flypaper of the Seddon affair.

Arsenic, antimony, prussic acid, carbolic acid, oxalic acid, mercury, belladonna, opium, heroin, morphine, cyanide, strychnine, digitalis, and many others that most deadly poisons found in minute quantities in dirty tobacco pipes—all have been traced, eliminated and chained by the patient, unflinching detective, science.

So highly has the work of scientific detection been developed that the presence of arsenic may be discovered even years after it has been taken. No more delicate tests in chemistry, and at the same time no more infallible ones, can be used than the tests for arsenic and antimony. In the former poison the tests are so severe that one part in sixty millions can be revealed.

It is to the Borghia that one must go to hear about the incredibly subtle poisons which could not be detected, but the light of modern science proves that much which is credited to that family's knowledge of the art of poisoning was really impossible of accomplishment unless we concede—which is just possible—that they knew more about toxicology than do modern savants.

There was one particular poison which the Borgias were credited with using which has remained a secret. It was tasteless, could kill the victim quickly or leisurely, as the poisoner willed, and it left no trace discernible to the chemists of that time.

The lists of names and dignitaries of the church who died by this subtle means is believed to be formidable. It was used in two ways, powder and liquid, and its method of manufacture was related by an obscure scientist of the period.

The powder form of the poison was white like flour, with a taste like sugar. It was called Contagion. Its composition was never known, but the liquid was prepared in the following way:

A wild boar was caught, and to it was administered a strong dose of arsenic. As soon as the poison began to take effect the boar was hung up by the heels. Convolutions came on, and a froth, which ran from its jaws, was collected in a silver dish and then was transferred to a bottle which, after some Contagion was added, was hermetically sealed. This was kept for a certain time and the result was the notorious poison.

Certain it is that no poison known today is secret. Chemistry and science can provide the means of detection, and can often supply the antidote.—Overseas Daily Mail.

Important to Know.

A fire had broken out in a factory in the country, and a young village constable was sent to make inquiries. After questioning the manager he asked to see the man who was responsible for the electric lights. The manager stated that the electric switches were under his control.

Policeman—Then you are the man who lights up the electric affair?

Manager—That is so.

Policeman (excitedly)—Now, be careful how you answer my next question, 'cos if it ain't satisfactory it will be used against you as evidence. When you lighted the electric light last night where did you throw the match?

Priceless Painting in Old Chest.

An altar piece the center panel of which is alleged to have been painted by Leonardo da Vinci and the side panels by Michelangelo has been discovered in a chest at the Hungarian castle of Buda, belonging to the late Count Maurice Esterházy's estate.

Experts are divided as to the authenticity of the painting. If the present owner of the castle, Count Thomas Esterházy, has his claims sustained the altar piece will be the only known example of the combined work of these two fabulous painters. It will be worth a fabulous amount which experts hesitate to name.

Vitamins as a Cure-Ail.

Possibly the present tendency to extol vitamins as a cure-all is drawing to its close. The United States public health service reports that efforts during the year to discover the unidentified food substance whose absence from the diet causes pellagra have excluded two of the three known vitamins. The search for the missing element is being steadily narrowed.

People can not be expected to respect the law of the land unless they are first taught to respect themselves.

Let not your right hand know what your left hand doeth. It might feel ashamed.

MARRIAGE IN BASUTO LAND

Bride is Bought for So Many Cattle and Has Nothing to Say Concerning Transaction.

A Basuto girl is looked upon by her father as his bank, for when she reaches a marriageable age so many cattle will have to be handed over for her by the bridegroom, says a writer in the London Daily Mail.

There is little of love and romance in a Basuto girl's marriage. This is not to say that she has no feelings or does not hear the call of romance. Like every girl in this world, she thinks and dreams as we all do.

But there is no wooing or winning and none of the beauty of realized young dreams for her.

The man who wants her does not consult her—he has known her and she probably pleased his eye, and so the dusky Hendricks goes to the father and says that he wishes to marry Maluna.

The matter is then discussed by the heads of the family and their relations, and the girl gets to know of the coming marriage only by a chance word that may be dropped here and there.

Generally the principal point of discussion among the heads of the family is how many cows and sheep are to be handed over to the father by the bridegroom as "lobola" (a marriage dowry) for the girl.

This being arranged—usually a payment of so many cows down and so many to be handed over later—the girl is informed that Hendricks is to be her husband for better or for worse—generally worse—and whether he be quite an old man or a young man Maluna has to sacrifice herself and go as she is told.

The young natives living near civilization have discarded the old customs and marry without "lobola" being paid over.

The marriage takes place in a native church. The wedding party and the guests are all dressed in European clothes and they return from the church by wagen to the hut of the girl's father on his master's farm, where sheep have been slaughtered and much kaffir beer made, and dancing and singing go on continually for two days.

The music is made by a concertina and guitar, and in all Basuto dances the male and female never dance together.

No Solitude for Him.

Highland Light, on a cliff 90 feet above the sea at the tip end of Cape Cod, is credited with being the scene of a real tragedy.

The profoundly moving story concerns Bill, one of the keepers of the light, and incidentally one of the guides to the hundreds of tourists who flock to the lighthouse. Bill, according to his own version of the affair, formerly worked on a railroad. He used to be a conductor, and he necessarily came in contact with many people. In fact, there never was a time when he did not have people around, and Bill grew weary of it.

Looking about for a more desirable occupation, he hit upon lighthouse keeping as the perfect job for a man who wanted solitude. And it just happened—such things do happen—that instead of the lonely spot he hoped for, Bill drew Highland, one of the most frequented spots of the great frequented cape. Every motor-car going to or from Provincetown stops there, and in addition buses from two or three companies make the trip daily from Provincetown. And Bill's life now is one long business of guiding young women up the narrow stairs of the lighthouse and of explaining to them what it is that makes the wheels go around. Bill is hearing up under it, but he feels that fate has not dealt fairly with him.—Brooklyn Enterprise.

Ancient Store Destroyed.

The old Ford store, known as the first department store in America, one of the most famous of South Shore historic landmarks, was destroyed by fire, says a Duxbury (Mass.) dispatch. The property was worth about \$30,000, but there is no means of estimating the value of the heirlooms and relics that were burned.

The store was a long, wooden building a story and a half high. It was built in 1826, and the business was begun by Nathaniel Ford & Sons. From the plan of this store present department stores were made, according to many famous merchants.

Daniel Webster was a patron of the store for years, and on display there since Webster's death have been his favorite saddle, several of his hats and a coat. The first copper measures used in America were also on display in the store. These and many other priceless relics were lost in the fire.

She Was Willing.

Josephine's job was that of stenographer for her beau's big sister. And he, after the fashion of bright young men, came often to the office to call, always pretending that he came to see his big sister about something or other. The other afternoon when he was ready to leave the office accompanied by Josephine, he turned to his sister "Lend me a five, Nellie," he said. "I asked Josephine to lend me a five, I thought we might go down to the county clerk's office to get a license or something of that order."

With a little rush Josephine was across the room. "You know I told you, Bob," she said, "that whenever you wanted money for anything sensible I'd lend it to you. Here's a five."

—Indianapolis News.

The function of the ash constituents of food is to build the bone, teeth, muscles, nerves and tissues; to enter into the composition of the living cell in every part of the body and regulate body processes.

Spokes Around The Hub

Break into Store—After breaking into the section house at Shepardsville and securing tools, burglars broke into the store of Alderman Ross, of that place and literally demolished the safe, getting \$100 in silver, \$25.00 in bills and a \$50.00 Liberty bond.

In Bear's Clutches—Little ten year old Esther Brenner of St. Johns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brenner, had a rather exciting time when she visited the Michigan State game farm near Mason with her parents. The little girl stood near a bear cage, when Mr. Bear reached forth his claws and snatched her vigorously into the folds of the dress. People standing around rescued the little girl, but not before Mr. Bear had gained the dress.

NOT GUILTY—A jury in the Clinton County Circuit Court found that Jay Shulters, arrested for attempting to wreck a train, was not guilty. The jury was out nearly five hours.

Freight Collision—Two freight trains collided head on in the yards at Mt. Pleasant and it took nearly an entire day to clear up the wreck, although neither train was going at a very great rate of speed. Both engine crews escaped without injury, in spite of the fact that the engines were badly damaged.

Alcohol—When John Inman of Seattle township found a rag in one of his fields he sent word to the sheriff's office. When an investigation was made it was found that Charles Egan of Seattle, owner of the rig, was keeping off a jag near a stump in another field. He had been drinking alcohol, and the justice feeling that he had used too much alcohol, charged Egan \$25.00 more. Also-rub can also be charged 70 per cent alcohol, and sentenced, according to directions, to a year in prison.

ST. LOUIS

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Evey and family of Ithaca, visited their daughter Mrs. Roy Brecht Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stafford of Ithaca were guests of their son, Taylor, and wife Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Woodard and mother visited friends near North Troy Sunday.

Mr. Eliza Miller and son, Nellie, and Mrs. Mary Wyrick of Riverdale called on friends here, Monday afternoon.

Wm. Phillips and Mrs. Clifford Lee and two children were in Ithaca on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanders of St. Louis were Sunday afternoon guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marley.

Mr. William Clason and mother of Ithaca called on friends here Sunday.

Mr. Arthur Mauley went to Crystal Springs where he has employment in a lumber shop there.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Ernest Evans near Crystal Springs Sunday.

Jeff Ferra returned Saturday from a visit with friends in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evey left Thursday for a visit with relatives near Lake City.

C. I. Black and L. O. Hunt transferred business in Carson City, Wednesday.

Carl Leonard and Miss Mildred Cleveland were united in marriage Thursday evening. Rev. Gelston of Alma officiated. Their friends extended congratulations.

Mr. Alexander of St. Louis, Comptroller of the Gratiot county Macabre Association met with the Hive Ladies here Saturday for the purpose of making plans for the association but will meet here August 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn from near Sumner Center called on the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood Monday.

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Fresh pork in chunk, lb.	14c-19c	Peas, sifted, can	12c
Fresh pork shanks, lb.	10c	Soup, can 10c, 3 for	27c
Pork in pickle, lb.	12c-17c	Peaches in syrup No. 2 1/2 can	20c
Bacon, home smoked, lb.	25c	Prunes, good size, lb.	15c
Pork sausage, lb.	16c	Raisins in bulk, lb.	24c
Lard, home rendered, lb.	15c	Apricots, fancy, lb.	34c
Smoked ham, sugar cured half or whole	33c	Loganberries, No. 10 can	60c
Smoked ham butts, 4-5 lbs. per lb.	15c	Pineapple, No. 10 can	75c
Veal for stewing, lb.	12c-18c	Peaches	75c
Veal roasts, lb.	20c	Catsup, No. 10 can	80c
Veal chops, lb.	22c-30c	Dill pickles, doz.	18c
Fowls for stewing and roasting, per lb.	30c-32c	Cocon, qt. jar	20c
Lake trout, lb.	27c	Black Cross tea, lb.	65c
Mackerel in brine, lb.	28c	Coffee in bulk good quality lb.	27-32c
Cod-fish 1 lb boxes	25c	Ginger Snaps, lb.	12c
Salmon, tall can	15c	Fig bars, lb.	15c
		Peroxide bath tablets	8c
		Good broom	50c

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VESTABURG

Chas. Black, living just west of town passed away suddenly Saturday afternoon. Altho he had not been feeling well for some time, he was working as usual when the end came and his death was a great shock to all his friends.

Mrs. L. C. Woodard returned Saturday from a weeks visit with friends near North Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker entertained the former's mother and sister from Ithaca last week.

Mrs. Harriet Caldwell of Ithaca was a business caller here, Monday.

D. J. Ayers is painting the residence of J. Osterhout this week.

Mrs. Church and daughter, Vida visited Charles Havens and family of Elwell, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Coo of Sumner Center called at the home of Wm. Phillips, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Holm are entertaining relatives from Farwell.

Wm. Scaman, wife and daughter visited friends in St. Louis and Alma Saturday.

Mrs. Church served peas and new potatoes from her garden for dinner June 11.

Several ladies of Riverdale attended Rebecca Lodge, Monday.

BRECKENRIDGE

The Breckenridge Congregational Sunday School picnic will be held at Crystal Lake, Friday, June 23rd.

There was a free band concert on the main street in Breckenridge, Monday evening by the Merrill Community band of 40 pieces. It was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd of people.

While cranking a Ford Truck, Thursday, Mr. Dan McCall had the misfortune to severely wrench his right wrist. He will carry his arm in a sling for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Joslin of Elm Hall motored here Sunday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sexton. Mr. Joslin returned home Monday morning but Mrs. Joslin remained here for a longer visit.

During the severe storm late Friday evening several cherry and other trees were blown down and a large new barn belonging to Wesley Muscott was moved several inches. The large glass in the front of A. Kisholm and Son's store was broken.

The funeral of Mrs. Ed. Ferguson, who died of cancer at Dr. Hall's hospital in Pompey Thursday, was held Sunday. Burial took place in the Breckenridge cemetery. Mr. Ferguson died about three months ago.

Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Steadman of Rochester, formerly of this place are the happy parents of a baby girl, born Friday, June 16, who will answer to the name of Margaret Delight.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Boneman and Mr. Hinton and family motored to Riverdale Sunday to see the effects of the bad fire of a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thompson and family attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. William Kuhn of Hemlock, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Hawley and family of Ypsilanti have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Terry Eldred of this place.

Epworth League served a cafeteria supper in the basement of the M. E. Church Friday evening which was enjoyed by everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Chisholm motored to Saginaw, Monday on business.

Mrs. John Parkhouse is receiving a visit from her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Carl of New London, Ohio.

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